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## **Five Men Sentenced on** **Federal Drug Trafficking Conspiracy**

**FARGO** - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that **Jose Antonio Ledesma, Jaime Allen Stevens, and Justin Curtis Coste** were sentenced today before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson on Federal Drug Charges.

**Jose Antonio Ledesma**, 32, of Pasco, Washington, pleaded guilty on February 24, 2005, to continuing criminal enterprise. **Ledesma** was sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised release. **Ledesma** was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

**Jaime Allen Stevens**, 28, of Fargo, ND, and **Justin Curtis Coste**, 25, of Moorhead, MN, each pleaded guilty on February 28, 2005, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribute a controlled substance. **Stevens** was sentenced to 42 months' imprisonment and **Coste** was sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment. Both men were ordered to pay \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's fund and each will be on supervised release for five years following their sentence.

On December 15, 2005, United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson sentenced **Bruce Charles Tollefson** to 227 months' imprisonment to be followed by five years of supervised

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release and to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund. **Tollefson**, 25, of West Fargo, ND, pleaded guilty on April 6, 2005, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distributing in excess of 500 grams of controlled substances. **Tollefson** also pleaded guilty to violent crime in aid of racketeering activity.

**Tom Desotel** was also sentenced by Judge Erickson on December 15, 2005, to 54 months' imprisonment. **Desotel** pleaded guilty on January 28, 2005, to the conspiracy charge. .

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration in North Dakota and Washington; North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation; and the Fargo, West Fargo, and Moorhead Police Departments.

Assistant United States Attorneys Chris Myers and Brett Shasky prosecuted the case.

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